

REMARKS

According to the Office Action, claims 1-79, 88-91, 97, 98, 105, 111, 112, 117-121, 123 and 124 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended the claims as indicated above to overcome the outstanding Section 112, second paragraph, rejections. Withdrawal of rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicant also acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at below listed number will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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